

# MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL OF THE INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR POPULATION SCIENCES HELD ON MAY 8, 2025.

The meeting of the Academic Council was held on May 8, 2025 at 10.30 am in Seminar Hall, IIPS. The meeting was chaired by Prof D. A. Nagdeve , Director & Sr. Professor (Additional Charge), IIPS. At the outset, the Chairperson extended warm welcome to all members and external experts to the meeting of the Academic Council. **The list of members attended the meeting is given in Annexure A.**

Prof. D. A. Nagdeve, Chairperson of Academic Council requested Prof. Chander Shekhar, Member-Secretary to proceed with the agenda.

**Agenda no.1: To confirm the minutes of Academic Council Meeting held on December 20, 2024.**

The members of Academic Council confirmed the minutes of Academic Council held on December 20, 2024.

**Agenda no 2: Action taken on the Minutes of Academic Council Meeting held on December 20, 2024.**

Action taken report on the minutes of Academic council meeting held on December 20,2024 was noted by the members.

**Agenda no 3: To approve results of final year courses - Academic Year 2024-25.**  
The respective courses coordinators presented the results of the following courses for the Academic Year 2024-2025:

Sr. No.	Name of the Course	Qualified for Degree
I.	Master of Arts/Science in Population Studies [MA/MSc] -2024-25	26
II.	Master of Science in Bio-statistics & Demography [MSc] -2024-25	23
III.	Master of Arts in Population Studies (Distance Education) [MA]- 2024-25	5
IV.	Diploma in Health Promotion Education [DHPE]- 2024-25	33
V.	Post Graduate Diploma in Community Health Care [PGDCHC]- 2024-25	8
VI.	Post Graduate Diploma in Hospital Management [PGDHM]- 2024-25	10
VII.	Doctor of Philosophy in Population Studies/ Bio-Statistics and Demography [Ph.D.] - 2024-25(including two part-time)	41

The Academic Council Approved the results for the Academic year 2024-2025.

**Agenda no 4: To approve Gold and Silver Medals for the final year courses – Academic Year 2024-2025.**

GOLD MEDALS	
I	<b>Dr. Asha A. Bhende Gold Medal</b> to the best student of MA/MSc in Population Studies for securing first rank for the year 2023-2025. <b>Ms. Sushmita Shukla</b>
II	<b>Dr. K. Srinivasan Gold Medal</b> to the Best student of MA in Population Studies (Distance Learning) for securing first rank for the Academic Year 2024-25. <i>No one eligible for medal as per the existing rules minimum Five students must be from the same batch</i>
III	<b>Prof. Sukumar Mukerji Gold Medal</b> to the best student of MSc in Biostatistics & Demography for securing first rank for the year 2023-2025. <b>Mr. Shubham Jaswal</b>
IV	<b>IIPS Gold Medal</b> to student of DHPE programme for securing first rank for the academic year 2024-2025. <b>Mrs. Jyoti Shantaram More</b>
V	<b>IIPS Gold Medal</b> to student of PGDCHC for securing first rank for the academic year 2024-2025. <b>Mrs. Shraddha Bhimrao Bhujade</b>
VI	<b>IIPS Gold Medal</b> to student of PGDHM for securing first rank for the academic year 2024-2025. <b>Ms. Gayatri Malckar</b>
SILVER MEDALS	
I	<b>IIPS Silver Medal</b> for MA/MSc in Population Studies for securing second rank for the year 2023-2025. <b>Mr. Aakash Sinha</b>

II	IIPS Silver Medal for MA in Population Studies (Distance Learning) for securing second rank for the Academic Year 2024-25. <i>No one eligible for medal as per the existing rules minimum Five students must be from the same batch</i>
III	IIPS Silver Medal for MSc in Biostatistics and Demography for securing second rank for the year 2023-2025. <b>Ms. Hithashree B S</b>
IV	IIPS Silver Medal to student of DHPE programme for securing second rank for the academic year 2024-2025. <b>Mrs. Yogita Dnyaneshwar Surse</b>
V	IIPS Silver Medal to student of PGDCHC for securing second rank for the academic year 2024-2025. <b>Mrs. Jyoti Sukram Kokani</b>
VI	IIPS Silver Medal to student of PGDHM for securing second rank for the academic year 2024-2025. <b>Mr. Rohit Gupta</b>
<b>AWARDS</b>	
I	"Dr. P.N. Mari Bhat Award" for best thesis in Ph.D. Programme for the academic year 2023-24. <b>Dr. Mayank Singh</b>
II	IIPS Award for Best Dissertation in Master of Arts/Master of Science (M.A/M.Sc) in Population Studies for the academic year 2024-25 <b>Mr. Aakash Sinha</b>
III	IIPS Award for Best Dissertation in Master of Science (M.Sc) in Biostatistics and Demography for the academic year 2024-25 <b>Ms. Devika K V</b>

In addition, it was also approved by AC that for awarding gold and silver medal at least ten (10) students from the same batch must be successfully completed the programme. This same will be applicable for all the Diploma and Degree Courses w.e.f. academic year 2025-2026

The Academic Council Approved the Medals & Award for the Academic year 2024-25.

**Agenda no 5:**

**To discuss and approve the various academic activities of Master of Science (M.Sc.) in Survey Research & Data Analytics.**

The academic council approve the evaluation of dissertation,weightage for evaluation of dissertation,viva-voce procedure as per the existing procedure for other master degree programmes to maintain the uniformity. In case of internship evaluation for the admitted batch 2024-2025 is attached as Annexure – B.

The academic council approved.

**Agenda no 6:**

**To discuss and approve IIPS Gold & Silver Medal and IIPS Award for Best Dissertation in Master of Science (M.Sc.) in Survey Research & Data Analytics.**

Academic Council approved the procedure of gold and silver medal for the first and second rank holder respectively in M.Sc. in Survey Research and Data Analytics alike other PG programmes. In addition Academic Council also approved the similar procedure for deciding the best dissertation award in the M.Sc. in Survey Research and Data Analytics alike other PG programme. The above will be awarded from the academic year 2025-2026.

**Agenda no 7:**

**To discuss & approve the revised syllabus of all PG programmes including M.A. (Distance Education).**

The AC was briefed by the Prof. Aparajita Chattopadhyay, Chairperson regarding the background of the revision of syllabus for master degree courses in line with NEP-2020.

Course coordinators have made brief presentation on the revised two year PG course syllabus namely MA/M.Sc, MBD, MSD & MA (distance education). Also presented the semester wise credit distribution along with research components in

fourth semester. IKS, value added course and non-credit internship are included in revised course syllabus as per NEP guideline. The revised syllabus will be implemented from the academic year 2025-26.

It has been decided that in case of MA (distance learning), at least 50% of the first year paper required to be passed before the upgradation into second year. Chairperson has suggested to maintain the uniformity of IKS syllabus for regular and distance learning.

The members of AC approved the revised syllabus w.e.f 2025-26. (Annexure C)

#### Agenda no 8:

#### To discuss about the examination manual.

Existing Rule	Amendment Approved by AC
Amended: Rule 9 (m): For four & three credit papers, appearing in two internal assessments out of three internal assessment in each paper is compulsory for the students, failing which he/she will not eligible to write semester-end examination of that paper.	Amended: Rule 9 (m): Irrespective of credit of paper in the all the PG programme there will be TWO internal assignment.  Further, if a student fails to appear one assignment out of two, then average of two assignment (i.e., actual grade obtained in first assignment plus Zero (Absent)) will be consider for the calculation of the final assignment grade.
41. Number of attempts in each paper A student shall be eligible for a maximum three attempts for each paper to clear the semester end examination, i.e., the main examination, and second and third time as re-examination of backlog papers. Under any circumstances the student shall not be eligible to sit in the semester end examination in a paper more than three times. Students shall appear for backlog papers in the next immediate/subsequent semester.	41. Re-examination <b>If a student fails to appear in the semester end examination for any reason or failed, need to submit application for re-examination in a given format.</b> A student shall be eligible for a maximum three attempts for each paper to clear the semester end examination, i.e., the main examination, and second and third time as re-examination of backlog papers. Under any circumstances the student shall not be eligible to sit in the semester end examination in a paper more than three times. Students shall appear for re-examination or backlog papers in the next immediate / subsequent semester.
35. Review, revaluation and performance improvement Performance Improvement (e) In performance improvement examination, student shall get only one chance to appear for improvement <u>in the immediate succeeding semester.</u> (f) A student shall be allowed to apply for performance improvement of one paper in each semester in Semester I, II & III for M.A.-M.Sc. & MBD students and Semester I for MPS Students, <u>wherein the candidate would have to appear for the examination in the semester when the same paper is offered in next academic year.</u>	35. Review, revaluation and performance improvement Performance Improvement (e) In performance improvement examination, student shall get only one chance to appear for improvement examination in the next immediate / subsequent semester.  (f) A student shall be allowed to apply for performance improvement of one paper in each semester in Semester I, II & III for M.A.-M.Sc. MBD & MSD students, wherein the candidate would have to appear for the examination in the next immediate / subsequent semester.  <b>The provision of performance improvement examination is not applicable for the last semester of the concerned programmes. Student needs to submit the application for improvement examination in given format.</b> <b>Once the degree is awarded this provision is not applicable for any awardees.</b> <b>As another set of question paper will be used to conduct the examination, a student who is appearing for performance improvement examination, he/she will be not considered for any medal/award in the convocation.</b>

#### Agenda no 9:

#### To discuss about the Ph.D. students regarding pending activities.

Sr. No	Student Details	Recommendation of the AC
1	a) Name: Mr. Suhas Sampatrao Sutar b) Reg.No.: IIPS/Ph.D./2019-20/30 c) Date of Joining: 03-09-2019 d) Guide : Prof. Murali Dhar	AC recommended to give one month notice for compliance the pending documents/fees. Failing which the student is required to return the entire fellowship amount as per the bond executed by the student at the time of admission and admission registration will be cancelled.
2	a) Name: Mr. Ramanathan Balakrishnan b) Reg.No.: IIPS/Ph.D.-PT/2021-22/22 c) Date of Joining: 06-09-2021 d) Guide : Prof. T.V. Sekher	Looking into the progress of Ph.D, the AC has recommended to cancel Ph.D. (Part-Time) registration of the student.

In addition, AC has suggested that those who are not presented their Ph.D. Synopsis within 54 months, are required to issue a notice to present the synopsis at the earliest.



**Agenda no 10:****To discuss about the eligibility and admission of International students.**

The academic council approved the new admission eligibility criteria, selection criteria etc. for international students in line with NEP-2020. Annexure -D  
In addition academic council suggested to start the admission process from 15<sup>th</sup> May, 2025.

**Agenda no 11:****Review the progress of internally and externally funded research projects of the Institute.****Internal Projects (Ongoing)**

Sr. No.	Project Name	Co-ordinators	Start Date	Completion Date	Status
1	Longitudinal study of Maternal and Infant Nutrition in Maharashtra (LoSMINM)	Dr. L.K Dwivedi, Dr. Dilip T.R, Dr. Sarang P, Dr. Preeti Dhillon, Dr. R.S. Reshmi, Dr.Suresh Jungari, Mr.Anjani Kumar Mishra DHO of Raigarh District	Jan-21	Mar-26	Noted
2	Estimation of child mortality and immunization coverage at district level in India, An application of small area estimation techniques	Dr. L.K. Dwivedi	April-21	Mar-25	Completed
3	Projection of Annual cancer Incidence at district level by quinquennial age group and sex from 2021 to 2031 in Maharashtra	Dr. Murali Dhar, Dr.Atul Budukh	Jan-22	Feb-25	Noted and approved extension up to May-25
4	Cost of treating Gastrointestinal cancer and the burden of treatment on patient's household	Dr. Dilip T.R, Dr. Shailesh Shrikhande & Dr. Manish Bhandare.	Sep-21	March 25	Completed
5	Small estimates of Covid 19 disease in India: What we missed	Dr. Suryakant Yadav Dr. Dilip T.R	June-21	May-25	Noted and approved extension up to Oct-26
6	Estimation mortality indicators for North Eastern Region of India based on recent survey data (NSSO and NFHS)	Dr.H. Lungdim, Dr.Abhishek Singh, Dr.Dhananjay Bansod, Dr. Nandita Saikia, Dr.Kaushalendra Kumar, Dr.Suresh Jungari	Oct -22	March -25	Noted and approved extension up to July -25
7	A study of Migrants in Mumbai Urban agglomeration from within Maharashtra	Dr.Sumil Sarode, Dr.Archana Roy, Dr.Suresh Jungari, Dr.Kunal Keshri	April-23	Sep -25	Noted
8	famTRANS – Families in Transition	Dr. Srinivas Goli, Dr. T.V.Sekher, Sabu S. Padmadas(University of Southampton), Vegard Skirbekk(Columbia Aging Center) Ishita Chatterjee ( UWA Business School)	April -23	May-25	Noted
9	Consequences of male Migration on left –behind women, children and elderly parents in Kerala and Middle Ganga Plain: Differentials and Determinants	Dr.Archana K Roy, Dr.Dipti Govil, Dr.Suryakant Yadav and Dr.K.C Das	April-23	May-25	Noted and approved extension up to Sept-25
10	The Effect of Resettlement on Livelihood Rebuilding, Women Health and Demographic Behaviour: The Study of Indira Sagar Irrigation Project in Bhandara District of Maharashtra	Dr. D. A. Nagdeve	April-23	March-25	Completed
11	Environment and health of older population in India: An examination population data with gridded pixel environment data	Prof. Aparajita Chattopadhyay Prof. TV Sekher	April-24	Sept-25	Noted
12	Occupational Mobility and Employment Pattern in India	Sanjay K Mohanty	April-24	Dec-25	Noted and approved extension up to March-26
13	Global burden of causes of death in seven regions of world with a focus on South Asia (India), East Asia, USA, UK and High-Income countries.	Dr. Suryakant Yadav Prof. U.S. Mishra Dr. T.R. Dilip	August 2023-	Dec 2026	Noted and approved extension up to March-27
14	Assessment and projection of annual cancer incidence at district level by quinquennial age group and sex from 2026 to 2036 in Punjab, India	Dr. Murali Dhar, Dr.Atul Budukh	Apr-25	Sep-26	Noted
15	Morbidity and Mortality among Municipal Sanitation Workers in India: A Study of Six Metropolitan Cities	Dr. Pradeep Salve and Prof. Dhananjay W Bansod	Apr-25	Sep-27	Noted
16	Role of Family Structure in use of Family Planning and Child Health in India	Prof. D.A.Nagdeve	Apr-25	March-26	Noted

17	Population Forecasting Using Machine Learning Approach	Preeti Dhillon and Guru Vasishtha	Apr-25	March-26	Noted
18	Urban Population Projection for India (2011-2041)	Prof. K.C. Das Dr. Archana K Roy Dr. R.S. Reshmi Dr. Kunal Keshri	Sep-25	----	Noted
19	Medical Method of Abortion; A study of pharmacists and community health workers in Odisha	Dr. Chander Shekhar Dr. Harihar Sahoo	June-25	March-27	Noted

#### External Projects (Ongoing)

Sr. No.	Project Name	Coordinators	Start Date	Completion Date	Status
1	Gender Equity and Health (GEH) Project (2017-27)	Prof. D.A. Nagdeve Dr. Abhishek Singh Dr. Kaushalendra Kumar	Nov-18	Oct-27	Noted
2	Study of Global Ageing and Adult Health (SAGE)- India, Wave-3, 2019-23	Prof. D.A. Nagdeve Dr. T.V. Sekher, Dr. Murali Dhar Dr. Archana K. Roy	Jun-19	Aug-24	Completed
3	Exemplars in Maternal & New born Mortality Reduction in India.	Prof. D.A. Nagdeve Dr. L.K. Dwivedi, Dr. Manoj Alagarajan, Dr. Guru Vasishtha	May-21	May-25	Noted
4	Longitudinal Ageing Study in India (LASI) Main Wave 2 (2023-25)	Prof. D.A. Nagdeve Dr. T.V. Sekher, Dr. Chander Shekhar, Dr. S.K. Mohanty, Dr. Aparajita Chattopadhyay, Dr. Srinivas Goli, Dr. Dipti Govil Dr. Sarang Pedgaonkar	April-23	Dec-25	Noted and approved extension up to April-26
5	National Family Health Survey-6	Prof. D.A. Nagdeve Dr. Abhishek Singh, Dr. Dhananjay Bansod, Dr. Laxmi Kant Dwivedi, Dr. Harihar Sahoo Dr. Sarang Pedgaonkar, Dr. Preeti Dhillon, Dr. Reshmi R. S.	Jan-23	Dec -25	Noted
6	IFPRI-International Food Policy Research Institute (POSHAN) Project	Dr. Laxmi Kant Dwivedi	Jun -23	Dec- 24	Completed
7	Small area estimates of hypertension and Diabetes in India	Prof. D.A. Nagdeve Dr. Suryakant Yadav Dr. Solveing A. Cunningham, Dr. Waller Lance (Emory University), Dr. Siddharta Mandal, Dr. Dimple Kondal	Dec-22	Nov- 24	Noted and approved extension up to Oct-26
8	The Harmonised Diagnostic Assessment of Dementia for the Longitudinal Aging Study in India (LASI- DAD Study) (2019-2023) in collaboration with University of Southern California and All India Institute of Medical Sciences.	Prof. D.A. Nagdeve Dr. T.V. Sekher Dr. Sarang Pedgaonkar	Jan- 19	Aug- 25	Completed
9	Global Adult Tobacco Survey-3	Prof. D.A. Nagdeve Dr. R. Nagarajan, Dr. Murali Dhar, Dr. Nandita Saikia, Dr. Dilip TR, Dr. Manas Pradhan, Dr. Pradeep Salve	Nov-21	Sept -25	Noted and approved extension up to Dec -25
10	SAHELI: Study and Action on Hysterectomy: Evidence on Women's Health through the Life Course in India	Prof. D.A. Nagdeve Dr. Dipti Govil Dr. Archana Roy	Aug 2023	Dec -27	Noted
11	Transforming Healthcare Service Delivery at Pimpri Chinchwad Municipal Corporation	Prof. D.A. Nagdeve	Sep 2023	Oct -27	Noted
12	Proposal Development for Reproductive Health in India Study	Prof. D.A. Nagdeve Dr. Chander Shekhar, Dr. Harihar Sahoo, Dr. Archana Kujur	July 2023	Jan -25	Noted and approved extension up to July -25
13	Mapping the risk factors and consequences of violence against women in India for the last two decades using large-scale data	Prof. D.A. Nagdeve Dr. Suresh Jungari Dr. Pradeep S Salve	Dec 23	Dec 25	Noted
14	The cognitive consequences of social frailty: a mixed methods study of precarity and resilience among aging populations in India and Sweden	Prof. D.A. Nagdeve Rakhal Gaitonde T.V. Sekher T R Dilip, Mala Ramanathan, Jissa VT	Dec 23	Nov25	Noted and approved extension up to Nov -26
15	A Study of Early Marriages in Assam ( ASEMA)	Prof. D.A. Nagdeve Dr. H. Lungdim, Dr. Nandita Saikia Dr. Srinivas Goli	Feb 24	---	Noted
16	Evaluation of BBBP schemes in Haryana State (Govt. of Haryana)	Prof. D.A. Nagdeve Prof. T. V. Sekher	July 24	Jan 25	Completed

Sr. No.	Project Name	Coordinators	Start Date	Completion Date	Status
		Dr. Srinivas Goli			
17	The feasibility and acceptability of conducting a randomised controlled trial to improve Body Composition and Quality of Life of stomach cancer patients after gastrectomy in India (EASE IN)	Prof. D.A. Nagdeve Aravinda Guntapalli, Dr. T R Dilip, Dr. Manish Bhandare, Dr. Shailesh Shrikhande, Dr. Amit Chopde, Sara McLennan	Oct 2024	Sep 2026	Noted
18	Menstrual Health Management (MHM) of Adolescents in Mumbai Slums: Identifying gender norms and gaps	Prof. D.A. Nagdeve Aparajita Chattopadhyay, Shireen Jejeebhoy	Nov 2023	Oct -25	Noted
19	External Evaluation of Health Management Information System Data in Odisha	Prof. D.A. Nagdeve Dr. Manas R Pradhan	May -24	March -25	Noted

#### Agenda no 12: New Project Proposals (Internal & External).

##### Internal Project:

Sr. No.	Project Name	Coordinators	Remarks
1	Towards Incubation of Indian Climate Health Data Base for Predicting Demographic and Health Outcomes in India	Dr.Srinivas Goli, Dr.T.R. Dilip	Approve
2	Demographic and Social Perspective of Suicide Deaths in India	Dr Suryakant Yadav, Dr Dilip T. R. Dr. Udaya S. Mishra	Approve
3	Coverage, effectiveness and barriers of social health insurance in achieving universal health coverage during pre and post PMJAY period in India	Dr.Sanjay K Mohanty	Approve
4.	Genetic Inheritance and Intergenerational transmission of NCD in India and its states and their gender differential	Dr Kunal Keshri Prof Laxmi Kant Dwivedi	Approve

##### External Project:

Sr. No.	Project Name	Coordinators	Remarks
1	An Evaluation of "Jiyo Parsi" Scheme in Reversing the Decline of the Parsi Population	Dr. Preeti Dhillon, Dr. Guru Vashishtha, Dr. Kunal Kesari, Prof. Laxmi Kant Dwivedi, Prof. D A Nagdeve	Approve

#### Agenda no 13: To report the matters regarding current academic activities.

The academic council noted the reporting of matters for the academic year 2024-2025.

#### Agenda no 14: Any other matter with the permission of Chair.

With the permission of chair, The following additional agendas were presented.

##### Additional Agenda : Regarding Provisional Certificate for graduating students.

Due to the unforeseen situation, if the institute could not conduct the convocation on time. The following documents will be issued to the students for their further studies & career purpose.

- 1.Consolidate Mark Sheets
- 2.Transcripts (If applicable for the course)
- 3.TC cum Migration Certificate (If applicable for the course)
- 4.Provitionl Certificate

##### Additional Agenda : Regarding Gold & Silver medal list for the previous academic Year 2023-24.

It has been decided to upload the list of awardees of Gold Medal /Silver Medal/Others Awards on the website of the Institute.

**Additional Agenda: Non-credit course regarding.**

As per the National Higher Education qualification frame work. The non credit courses 'Satisfactory' or 'Unsatisfactory' will be indicated instead of letter grade and this will not be counted for computation of SGPA / CGPA.

**Additional Agenda: Regarding Student Satisfactory Survey & feedback on curriculum.**


It has been informed to the Academic Council that IQAC coordinator has already made a presentation on SSS and Feedback on Curriculum during the IQAC meeting and circulated among the faculty members.

**Additional Agenda: Regarding the convocation of the Institute.**

AC has decided to delink the convocation with academic council and distribute the academic certificates such as cumulative mark sheets/transcripts/TC-cum- migration etc., after the academic council meeting.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

  
**Prof. Chander Shekhar**  
Member-Secretary,  
Academic Council, IIPS

  
**Prof D. A. Nagdeve**  
Director & Sr. Professor (Additional Charge) &  
Chairperson, Academic Council, IIPS

## Annexure A

### **List of Members Attended**

1.	Prof. D.A. Nagdeve	-	Chairperson
2.	Prof .Kailash Chandra Das	-	Member
3.	Prof .Chander Shekhar	-	Member - Secretary
4.	Prof .Sanjay Kumar Mohanty	-	Member
5.	Prof .R. Nagarajan	-	Member
6.	Prof. Abhishek Singh	-	Member
7.	Prof .Murali Dhar	-	Member
8.	Prof .Archana Roy	-	Member
9.	Prof .Dhananjay W. Bansod	-	Member
10.	Prof .Aparajita Chattopadhyay	-	Member
11.	Prof .Nandita Saikia	-	Member
12.	Prof. Udaya Shankar Mishra	-	Member
13.	Prof. Sukanya Rangamani	-	Member
14.	Prof. Prof. Sunil D Santha	-	Member
15.	Dr. Dilip T.R	-	Member
16.	Dr.Sunil Sarode	-	Member
17.	Dr.Dipti Govil	-	Member
18.	Dr.Preeti Dhillon	-	Member
19.	Dr. Guru Vasishtha	-	Member
20.	Dr. Kunal Keshri	-	Member
21.	Shri Sudarshan Bhadra	-	Invitee
22.	Dr.Vijay Bhagat	-	Invitee
23.	Dr. Shubhangi Baviskar	-	Invitee



# ANNEXURE-B

**International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS), Mumbai**  
**Master of Science in Survey Research and Data Analytics (2024–2026 Batch)**  
**First Internship (2025)**  
**Duration: Two Months (April – June 2025)**  
**Credits: 2**

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## Rationale

Established in 1956, the International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS) has evolved into a premier centre for education, research, and capacity-building in the fields of Demography, Population Studies, Public Health, Survey Research, and Data Analytics. With its legacy of academic excellence and its pivotal role in policy-relevant research, IIPS has significantly contributed to both national and international development initiatives.

The Institute's robust experience in conducting large-scale surveys such as the National Family Health Survey (NFHS), Longitudinal Aging Study in India (LASI), and District Level Household Survey (DLHS) exemplifies its leadership in evidence-based policymaking and advanced survey methodologies.

The M.Sc. programme in Survey Research and Data Analytics is launched to address the increasing need for data-driven decision-making. This programme offers students a unique blend of rigorous academic instruction and practical exposure. It equips them with proficiency in survey design, data management, and multivariable statistical techniques, alongside hands-on training in software such as STATA, R, and Python.

Drawing students from diverse academic disciplines—including statistics, mathematics and computer science—the programme fosters a dynamic learning environment. Leveraging IIPS's long-standing institutional strengths in survey execution and research, students are well-prepared to take up professional roles in leading governmental and non-governmental organizations at national and international levels.

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## Internship Placement

Students will be placed in reputed governmental or non-governmental organisations, where they will gain hands-on experience in the domains of survey research and data analytics.

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## Internship Assignments

During the internship, students are expected to undertake tasks assigned by their host organisations. These assignments may involve, but are not limited to:

- Designing and analyzing large-scale survey datasets or data sets given by the organizations
- Interpreting demographic and public health trends using different software learned during first year of the programme
- Developing dashboards for monitoring key indicators

- Applying techniques and methods learned during the first year of the programme for analysing large scale data
- Any other relevant assignment that will enhance student skills and is align with MSD programme outcomes.

Students are expected to demonstrate analytical rigor and technical proficiency in the task assigned to them by the organizations.

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### **Internship Seminars**

Upon completion of the internship, students are required to present their work at IIPS in a formal Internship Seminar. This presentation provides an opportunity for peer learning and constructive academic feedback.

Based on suggestions and comments received during the seminar, students must revise and finalize their reports. The final Internship Report must be submitted to the Academic Section of IIPS within one week of the seminar.

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### **Internship Report**

Each student must submit a comprehensive report detailing the work carried out during the internship. The report should highlight the application of survey research and data analytics techniques learned during the programme and reflect the key insights gained through fieldwork and data analysis.

Students are strongly encouraged to begin compiling their reports well before the conclusion of their internship to ensure timely and quality submission. A certificate of completion from the host organisation may be attached with the report.

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### **Important Dates**

1. **Internship Seminar Presentation at IIPS:** To be scheduled after commencement of the third semester, preferably within the first month.
2. **Submission of Final Internship Report:** Within one week after the Internship Seminar at IIPS.

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### **Evaluation Criteria**

- **Seminar Presentation:** 40%
- **Internship Report Submission:** 60%

### **Evaluation Committee**

Course coordinators, Two faculties from IIPS

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*L K Dwariveda*